

Synopsis

Cheat

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The story revolves around classmates Lynne Webbing and Geoff Bolder. They both enter a short story competition where Geoff wins the first prize, the Holmes-Watkins Medal. Second prize winner Lynne is disappointed but graciously accepts the decision and congratulates Geoff.

Much later, Lynne reads a story by the author William Bradburie that is similar to the story that Geoff has written for the competition. Convinced that Geoff is a cheat, she is in a dilemma on whether to expose Geoff or to keep quiet.

The next day in school, Lynne suddenly blurts out the name "Bradburie" in front of Geoff. Geoff looks surprised and taken aback but stays silent. Later in the day, Lynne is called to the Headmaster's Office where Geoff is waiting.

The headmaster, Mr Velos, explains that he is changing his decision and awards the Holmes-Watkins Medal to Lynne. This is because Geoff has told him that he might have unintentionally got the idea from Bradburie. Although both stories are not entirely similar, Mr Velos feels that Lynne deserves to win as her story is more original.

This causes Lynne to question where she got the idea for her own story.

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